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Confirmation No. 5541) Art Unit: 2811
Filing Date: November 4, 2003)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH MOS)
TRANSISTORS WITH AN ETCH-STOP LAYER)
HAVING AN IMPROVED RESIDUAL STRESS)
LEVEL AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING)
SUCH A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)

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AMENDMENT

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